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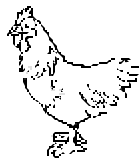
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was weak in the West, barely steady to weak in the Midwest, about steady in the East. Retail demand was slow to seasonally light with few ads noted. Food service covered the full range with some improvements expected for the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate, longest for heavier sizes. In the parts structure, trading was slow to light. Breast items were in a slightly better balance, but still more than sufficient for needs. Wings were readily available and discounted, and dark meat was sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range of light to heavy, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 63.50 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 66.25 cents last year on October 3, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.00
BREASTS - B/S	142.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.50
LEG QUARTERS	19.00
WINGS	56.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was no better than steady, mostly barely steady. Demand into all areas was slow to fair with limited trading since regular commitments satisfied most immediate needs. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was light. Breast items were not as plentiful, but still easy to obtain if needed. Wings were at least adequate and moving slow, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair during midweek trading as dealers attempted to keep floor stocks in good balance. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for most immediate needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally sluggish. The market tone remained about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate, but noted as slightly better balanced. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were readily available.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone remained mostly barely steady, instances weak. Offers remained fully available for the limited buyer interest. Retail demand was generally light and continued to struggle. Movement into the food service sector was mixed, slow to good. Limited retail features were noted with best demand noted into casual dining and hotel/motel restaurants. Several suppliers optimistic of some improvement into fast food outlets by weekend. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights desirable. In the parts complex, trading was very light and non-aggressive. Offerings were moderate to plentiful and discounted. The market tone was barely steady to weak on white meat items and steady on remaining items.

WESTERN The market tone was weak. Offerings were ample to burdensome. Heavy weights remained in the longest position. Buying interest was moderate overall as they focused on first-of-the-month needs. Demand by stores throughout the region was fairly good with best interest where whole body and parts were featured, restaurants fair to fairly good best by fast food. Floor stocks were generally adequate to occasionally heavier than desired.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 09/28/02	2002	2001	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	192,045	201,736	-05
CHICKS PLACED	165,250	160,598	+03

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 192 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 28, 2002. This was down 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 28, 2002. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through September 28, 2002 were 6.61 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 9-Nov-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.3 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 155.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.93 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 02, 2002

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	841	115.00-189.00	124-129	126.14
TENDERLOINS	89	133.00-190.00	133-135	154.71
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	73.00-81.00	75-78	75.72
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	21.00-33.00	21-22	22.21
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	428	15.00-18.00	16	15.76
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,328	17.00-24.00	19-20	19.23
WINGS (WHOLE)	279	30.00-59.00	57-58	55.05
WINGS (CUT)	377	66.00-83.00	66-68	70.77
DRUMSTICKS	69	33.00-48.50	-	35.02
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	923	115.00-189.00	124-130	127.25
TENDERLOINS	141	130.00-190.00	130-133	144.60
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	72.00-78.00	74-76	75.27
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	21.00-33.00	21-22	22.21
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	428	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,328	17.00-24.00	19-20	19.38
WINGS (WHOLE)	279	57.00-60.00	57-59	58.81
WINGS (CUT)	407	66.00-79.00	67-68	68.80
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
31.50 - 34.50	32.63	32.00 - 34.50	32.97	33.66

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light to fair during midweek trading as dealers continued cautious and selective, keeping floor stocks in good balance. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate, but noted as slightly better balanced. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings remained readily available at discounted levels. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone continued weak on wings and about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES OCT 01, 2002

OCT 02, 2002

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	126.27	504,730
TENDERLOINS	125-130	132.24	126,740
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	63.98	244,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	61.71	136,080
LEGS	31-32	33.37	111,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.29	540,781
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	27.17	156,660
THIGHS	20-21	31.02	48,710
B/S THIGHS	62-63	65.83	85,270
WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55	60.00	194,820
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.16	17,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.82	13,603
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.78	29,140

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	126.44	374,375
TENDERLOINS	125-130	131.30	134,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	68.02	164,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	62.10	116,200
LEGS	31-32	36.25	120,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.76	428,484
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	29.12	90,720
THIGHS	20-21	31.21	49,490
B/S THIGHS	62-63	65.24	89,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	59.05	235,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.89	46,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.22	11,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.79	15,640

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/02	10/01	09/30	09/27	09/30
ALA	3,956	4,090	4,094	4,132	5.20
ARK	5,408	5,399	5,379	5,017	5.10
DELMARVA	2,384	2,372	2,317	2,070	5.10
KY-LA-TN	1,990	2,021	2,008	2,049	4.70
MISS	2,924	2,980	2,664	2,652	5.04
NC	2,548	2,662	2,658	2,659	6.09
TEXAS	2,454	2,475	2,484	2,673	5.16
TOTAL	21,664	21,999	21,604	21,135	5.20
MON-WED	65,073(A)				5.02

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Oct 02 and is estimated to be 32,412,000 up 0.53 percent from a week ago and up 4.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,240,000; last year 31,051,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	75-75
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-95
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	96-103
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	104-113
DUCKS	ICE PACK	113
	ICE PACK	94-98
	ICE PACK	-
	ICE PACK	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-OCT-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/05/02 (1)	09/28/02
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	161,681(2)	162,159
LT HENS	2,062	1,996
HVY HENS	1,678	1,611
CHECK TOTAL	165,421	166,766

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Oct-02 is 157.8 million head compared to 159.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.0 million head or 4.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 12-Oct-02 the estimated available is 157.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 30-SEP-02	186,666	74,371
AM 01-SEP-02	216,327	71,124
CHG	-29,661	3,247
PCT CHG	-14	5

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/30/02	09/23/02	10/01/01	09/30/02	09/23/02	10/01/01
PACIFIC						
COAST	22,847	30,872	18,577	5,973	6,068	3,734
LOS						
ANGELES	1,390	1,378	1,051	3,903	4,047	2,001

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 10/01/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	1.20	.53
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.40	.60	.54
MIXED FOWL lb.	.95	1.55	1.23
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.50	.75	.63
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	.90	1.55	1.27
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.50	1.50	.86
GEESE lb.	-	.70	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.85	1.35	1.05
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.10	.92
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	1.75	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.50	.75	-

TOTAL COOPS 179

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending September 27, 2002

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings
Gizzards				
Hens				
RAYON				
Low	55.84	125.08	80.41	17.87
53.61	High	61.65	134.02	89.34
22.34	53.61	Mostly	58.07	134.02
22.34	22.34	53.61		80.41
SAN JUAN				
Low	58.07	125.08	84.88	26.80
51.37	High	59.86	138.48	98.28
15.64	51.37	Mostly	58.07	129.55
31.27	13.40	51.37		93.81
NEW SAN JUAN				
Low	58.07	125.08	80.41	17.87
51.37	High	61.65	134.02	89.34
22.34	51.37	Mostly	58.07	125.08
22.34	22.34	51.37		89.34
BECERRA				
Low	58.07	129.55	84.88	22.34
53.61	High	60.31	134.02	93.81
15.64	53.61	Mostly	58.07	134.02
22.34	22.34	53.61		89.34

DELMARVA
46.80 14.74 53.61
Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample for the cautious buying interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, all cuts were fully sufficient for the light to fair and selective buying interest. Breast items, particularly bone-in were noted as moving into a bit closer better balance and wings remained slow in clearing.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	36-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	48.62
NO. OF BOXES	7,645

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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